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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2003 (paper no. 16). Kindly amend the application as follows and reconsider the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.